

## Arrest made in Fremont stabbing death

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A 22-year-old Oakland man was arrested Friday night in connection with the stabbing death of a Fremont man earlier that day.

William Epting was arrested without incident at his East Oakland home, an Oakland police spokesman said.

Milton Thomas, 24, was found on the rear steps of a building at 8225 MacArthur Blvd at 1:29 p.m. Friday, and was pronounced dead at Highland Hospital at 2:16 p.m., the spokesman said. Epting is being held at the Oakland City Jail, and his case will be presented to the Alameda County District Attorney's Office on Tuesday.

# Shooting suspect arrested

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OAKLAND — A man suspected of shooting another man to death during a Hayward area basketball game last month was arrested hiding in the attic of his mother's home in Oakland, authorities said.

William Bernard Epting, 27, was trying to hide behind layers of insulation when Oakland police officers found him in the attic about 2 p.m. Saturday, said Alameda County Sheriff's Sgt. Stephen Roderick.

State parole agents, sheriff's detectives and Oakland police had been searching for Epting ever since he was identified as the man who shot Mark McCrary to death in San Felipe Park in unincorporated

Hayward on Oct. 23.

Roderick had obtained a no-bail warrant for Epting's arrest on a charge of murder.

McCrary, 26, of Hayward, a cousin and some friends were playing basketball in the park when McCrary and Epting got into a fist-fight, Roderick said.

McCrary was winning the battle when Epting allegedly pulled out a semiautomatic pistol and shot McCrary several times before running away, according to sheriff's Lt. Ted Nelson.

Investigators said there was evidence that the fight may have started because Epting was trying to rob McCrary.